

# PG&E Underground Electric Powerline Special Use Request

PALS 56962, 09/27/2019 (revised 06/05/2020)

PG&E requests that right-of-way and facilities be authorized and attached to the existing Master Special Use XXMA-01-10017 (PNF02262019) and governed by the Operation and maintenance plan. In January PG&E withdrew their original application to revise their plans. A new application was submitted June 5, 2020.

PG&E is proposing to install a new underground electric power line within the Highway 70 corridor that will replace approximately 10 miles of the Bucks Creek 1101 12kV pole line that was damaged during the Camp Fire. Pending Forest Service authorization through a special use and California Department of Transportation (Cal Trans) concurrence through a TR-0100 Standard Encroachment Permit, installation could begin as early as summer 2020. As part of the Camp Fire Restoration, this conversion to underground will limit overhead power lines in the area of elevated/extreme fire threat.

The project was entered into PALS and appeared on the Schedule Of Proposed Actions (SOPA) on September 27, 2019. The project briefed to the Butte County Forest Advisory Committee (BCFAC) September 23, 2019 at their monthly meeting. The project was restored to an “in progress” status June 5, 2020.

The project is anticipated to have a decision in July, 2020 and implementation during the summer season. Please provide any comments to Erika Brenzovich, [erika.brenzovich@usda.gov](mailto:erika.brenzovich@usda.gov) or Clay Davis, [clay.davis@usda.gov](mailto:clay.davis@usda.gov)